

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 13-16, and 19-22 have been amended in the interest of clarity and to place the claims in accordance with U.S. patent practice. Claim 20 has been amended to recite the compound of claim 1 as the product of the claimed process. Claims 11, 12, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

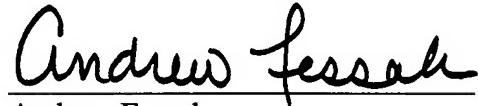
No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments to the claims.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-10, 13-16, and 19-23 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of the claims.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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